

Remarks


The office action dated October 15, 2004 required election between two groups of claims. Applicants elect without traverse to pursue the claims in restriction Group I. Accordingly, claims 20 and 21 have been withdrawn as directed to the unelected group, and claims 1-19 and 22 remain pending.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required; however, this conditional petition is made to provide for the possibility that the applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time. If any additional fees are required for the timely consideration of this application, please charge deposit account number 19-4972.

It is submitted that all the claim rejections have been addressed and that all of the pending claims are now in a condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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